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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shaun DENNIE

Application No.: 10/050,774

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: PROTOCOL FOR COORDINATING
THE DISTRIBUTION OF SHARED
MEMORY

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) Group Art Unit: 2186

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) Examiner: T. Thai

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) Confirmation No.: 9924

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST TO
SHIFT INVENTIONS**

Further to the Response to Restriction Requirement filed December 3, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to waive the election of Group I (claims 17-22 and 27-29) presented in the December 3rd Response, and permit Applicants to provisionally elect Group II (claims 23-26 and 30-34).

The Office may permit an applicant to shift an election of inventions "where the shift results in no additional work or expense, and particularly where the shift reduces work as by simplifying the issues" (M.P.E.P. § 819.01). In this application, Applicants inadvertently provisionally elected Group I (claims 17-22 and 27-29) on December 3, 2004. Four days later, on December 7, 2004, Applicants representative identified the inadvertent election and contacted the Examiner to discuss the situation. The Examiner was not available so the undersigned left a voice mail message for the Examiner expressing Applicants' intention to

supplement the previous election with the election to Group II (claims 23-26 and 30-34). In response, the Examiner left a voice mail with Applicants' representative indicating that he was willing to waive the previous election and examine Group II. Because Applicants representative notified the Examiner of Applicants' intent to supplement the previous election, which was acknowledged by the Examiner, and files this Supplemental Response prior to any examination of the claims of Group I, Applicants submit that no additional work or expense is required to examine claims 23-26 and 30-34 (Group II).

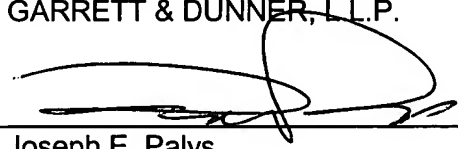
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner waive the original election of Group I on December 3, 2004, and permit Applicants to shift the provisional election to claims 23-26 and 30-34 (Group II) for examination by the Examiner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 8, 2004

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